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PARAFFIN DISPERSANTS HAVING A LUBRICITY EFFECT FOR MINERAL OIL MIDDLE DISTILLATES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 3-11 and add the following claims:

12. (New) A mixture as claimed in claim 1, wherein the reaction product (a) is an amide, amidoammonium salt or ammonium salt in which no carboxyl group, one carboxyl group or a plurality of carboxyl groups is or are converted into amido groups.

13. (New) A mixture as claimed in claim 1, wherein the secondary amine of the component (a) is of the formula  $\text{HNR}_2$ , where R is straight-chain or branched  $\text{C}_{10-30}$ -alkyl.

14. (New) A mixture as claimed in claim 1, wherein the primary alkylamine of the component (b) is a C<sub>8-30</sub>-alkylamine.

15. (New) A mineral oil middle distillate containing a mixture as claimed in claim 1.

16. (New) A mineral oil middle distillate as claimed in claim 15, further comprising flow improvers, conductivity improvers, corrosion-inhibiting additives, lubricity additives, antioxidants, metal deactivators, antifoams, demulsifiers, detergents, cetane number improvers, dyes, fragrances or mixtures thereof.

17. (New) A concentrate containing 10-60% by weight, based on the total amount of the concentrate, of a mixture as claimed in claim 1, dissolved in the hydrocarbon solvent.

18. (New) A mineral oil middle distillate as claimed in claim 15, further comprising flow improvers based on ethylene/vinyl carboxylate copolymers.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2 and 12-20 are active in the present application. Support for Claims 12-20 is found in Claims 3-11 and the specification. No new matter is added. An action on the merits and allowance of the claims is solicited.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 3-11 (Canceled.

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Paraffin dispersants having a lubricity effect  
for mineral oil middle distillates

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5 The present invention relates to mixtures suitable as  
paraffin dispersants having a lubricity effect, their  
use in mineral oil middle distillates, mineral oil  
middle distillates of this type and concentrates for  
this purpose.

10 Mineral oil distillates, in particular middle  
distillates, such as gas oils, diesel oils or light  
fuel oils, which are obtained by distillation from  
mineral oils, have different paraffin contents,  
15 depending on the origin of the crude oil. At relatively  
low temperatures, solid paraffins separate out (cloud  
point, CP). On further cooling, the lamellar n-paraffin  
crystals form a type of "house of cards structure" and  
the middle distillate sets although the predominant  
20 part of the middle distillate is still liquid. The  
flowability of the middle distillate fuels is  
considerably impaired by the precipitated n-paraffins  
in the temperature range between cloud point and pour  
point; the paraffins block filters and result in a  
25 nonuniform supply of fuel to the combustion units or  
completely stop said supply. Similar faults occur in  
the case of light fuel oils.

30 It has long been known that the crystal growth of the  
n-paraffins in the combustion or power fuels obtained  
from mineral oil distillates can be modified by  
suitable additives. Effective additives prevent middle  
distillates from becoming solid at temperatures of only  
a few degrees Celsius below the temperature at which

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the first paraffin crystals separate out. Instead, fine, well crystallized, separate paraffin crystals form, which crystals pass through filters in motor vehicles and heating systems or at least form a filter cake which is permeable for the liquid part of the middle distillates, so that trouble-free operation is ensured. According to European standard EN 116, the efficiency of the flow improvers is expressed indirectly by measuring the cold filter plugging point (CFPP).

Ethylene/vinyl carboxylate copolymers have long been used as flow improvers. The disadvantage of these additives is that, owing to their higher density compared with the liquid part, the precipitated paraffin crystals tend to settle out to an increasing extent on the bottom of the container on storage. Consequently, a homogeneous low-paraffin phase forms in the upper part of the container and a two-phase paraffin-rich layer at the bottom. Since the middle distillate is generally taken off slightly above the bottom of the tank, both in the vehicle tanks and in storage or delivery tanks of the mineral oil dealers, there is a danger that the high concentration of solid paraffins will block filters and metering means. This danger is all the greater the greater the amount by which the storage temperature is below the precipitation temperature of the paraffins, since the amount of precipitated paraffin increases with decreasing temperature.

These problems can be reduced by the additional use of paraffin dispersants (wax antisetling additives).

Thus, EP-A-0 398 101 describes reaction products of aminoalkylene polycarboxylic acids with long-chain, secondary amines as paraffin dispersants for mineral oil middle distillates. However, the effect is not sufficient in all mineral oil middle distillate



compositions, particularly when they have a low sulfur content of less than 500 ppm.

DE-A-11 49 843 describes the use of maleamic acids and their amine salts obtained from primary amines and maleic anhydride as corrosion inhibitors and stability improvers for mineral oil distillates as well as for preventing sediment formation. EP-A-0 106 234 describes the use of amine salts of maleamic acids obtained from primary amines and maleic anhydride as corrosion inhibitors for the storage and the transport of crude oils.

Since October 1996, only low-sulfur middle distillates having a sulfur content of not more than 500 ppm may be used as diesel fuels in the European Union, which fuels, owing to said sulfur content, help to achieve exhaust gases having a lower pollutant content. From the year 2000 onward, the maximum permissible sulfur content of diesel fuels in the European Union may not exceed 350 ppm. However, such diesel fuels have a substantially reduced lubricity, which can in some cases lead to high mechanical wear in distributor injection pumps of diesel engines.

The lubricity of low-sulfur diesel fuels can be improved by adding lubricity additives. According to standard CEC F-06-A-96, the efficiency is determined by the HFRR test (High Frequency Reciprocating Rig test) by determining the wear size WS1.4 in  $\mu\text{m}$  at 60°C; the smaller the WS1.4, the lower is the wear and the better is the lubricity.

There are numerous patent applications for products which can improve the lubricity of low-sulfur diesel fuels. WO 95/33805 states that flow improvers and paraffin dispersants, including reaction products according to EP-A-0 398 101, can improve the lubricity of middle distillates. However, the lubricity effect is

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not sufficient in many mineral oil middle distillate compositions.

It is an object of the present invention to provide improved products which ensure improved flowability of mineral oil middle distillates at low temperature by virtue of the fact that they have a dispersing effect such that settling of precipitated paraffins is delayed or prevented, and which simultaneously contribute to improved lubricity of the mineral oil middle distillates.

We have found that this object is achieved, according to the invention, by a mixture containing

- (a) from 5 to 95% by weight of at least one reaction product of a poly(C<sub>2-20</sub>-carboxylic acid) having at least one tertiary amino group with secondary amines and
- (b) 5-95% by weight of at least one reaction product of maleic anhydride and a primary alkylamine.

The present invention also relates to the use of these mixtures as additives for mineral oil middle distillates, in particular as paraffin dispersants and lubricity additives. The invention likewise relates to concentrates and mineral oil middle distillates containing these mixtures.

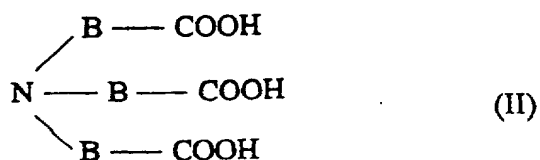
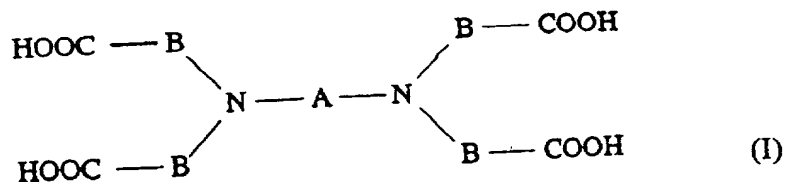
#### COMPONENT (a)

Component (a) is a reaction product of a poly(C<sub>2-20</sub>-carboxylic acid) having at least one tertiary amino group with secondary amines.

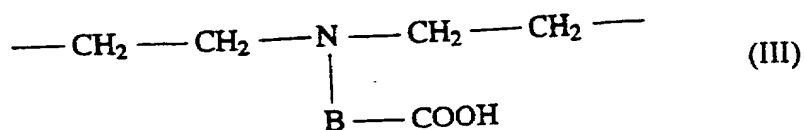
The polycarboxylic acid preferably contains at least 3, particularly preferably 3 to 12, in particular 3 to 5,

carboxyl groups. The carboxyl groups in the polycarboxylic acid preferably have 2 to 10 carbon atoms, acetyl groups being preferred. The carboxyl groups are linked in a suitable manner to the polycarboxylic acid, for example via one or more C and/or N atoms. They are preferably bonded to tertiary nitrogen atoms which, in the case of a plurality of nitrogen atoms, are linked via hydrocarbon chains.

- 10 Component (a) is preferably an amide, amidoammonium salt or ammonium salt, or a mixture thereof, of aminoalkanecarboxylic acids of the formulae I and II



- 15 where A is straight-chain or branched alkylene of 2 to 6, preferably 2 to 4, in particular 2 or 3, carbon atoms, or a radical of the formula (III)



- 20 where B is a radical of 1 to 19 carbon atoms, preferably a C<sub>1-19</sub>-alkylene radical, particularly preferably C<sub>1-10</sub>-alkylene, in particular a methylene radical. A is preferably an ethylene radical.

- 25 The secondary amine may be selected from a multiplicity of amines which carry hydrocarbon radicals which may be bonded to one another.

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If required, small amounts of conductivity improvers in the form of salts, in particular of hydrocarbon-soluble carboxylic acids and sulfonic acids or their metal and ammonium salts, may also be added to the components (a) of the mixture.

#### Component (b)

Preparation of the novel components (b) of the mixture is carried out in a manner known per se by reacting maleic anhydride with C<sub>8-30</sub>-alkylamines, preferably primary C<sub>8-C18</sub>-alkylamines, in a molar ratio of 1:1 at from 70 to 100°C by the process described in DE-A-11 49 843 and EP-A-0 106 234; suitable primary amines are all amines defined within these limits, for example straight-chain or branched octyl-, nonyl-, decyl-, undecyl-, dodecyl-, tridecyl-, tetradecyl-, pentadecyl-, hexadecyl-, heptadecyl- and octadecylamine and mixtures of these amines. The reaction product of one mole of maleic anhydride and one mole of tridecylamine is particularly preferred.

The novel mixtures can be prepared by simple mixing of the components (a) and (b); these mixtures are added to the mineral oil distillates in amounts of 10-1000 ppm, preferably from 50 to 500 ppm. The amount of the component (a) is from 5 to 95, preferably from 30 to 95, in particular from 50 to 90, % by weight and the amount of the component (b) is from 5 to 95, preferably from 5 to 70, in particular from 10 to 50, % by weight.

The novel polymer mixtures are used as additives for mineral oil middle distillates, which are understood as meaning petroleum, light fuel oils and diesel fuels having a boiling point of from about 150 to 400°C. The polymer mixtures may be added to the middle distillates directly but are preferably added as a 20 to 70% by weight strength solution (concentrate). Suitable

solvents are aliphatic or aromatic solvents, such as xylene or mixtures thereof, and furthermore high-boiling aromatics mixtures, such as solvent naphtha, and middle distillates. The amount of mixture in the mineral oil middle distillates is as a rule from 10 to 10,000, preferably from 20 to 5000, particularly preferably from 50 to 1000, ppm.

As a rule, the middle distillates also contain flow improvers, for example based on ethylene/vinyl carboxylate copolymers. Depending on the intended use, the middle distillates may additionally contain further additives, e.g. conductivity improvers, corrosion-inhibiting additives, lubricity additives, anti-oxidants, metal deactivators, antifoams, demulsifiers, detergents, cetane number improvers and/or dyes and fragrances.

The novel mixtures result in a substantial improvement in the low-temperature flow properties in middle distillates, regardless of their origin, in that they effectively keep the paraffin crystals which separate out in suspension so that there is no blocking of filters and pipes by paraffin which has settled out. They have a broad action and thus ensure that the paraffin crystals which have separated out are very well dispersed in various middle distillates; at the same time, they help to improve the lubricity of the middle distillates.

The effect of the combination of the components (a) and (b) is substantially better than the effect of the individual components at the same dose.

The examples which follow illustrate the invention.

#### EXAMPLES:

Example 1 (component (a))

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	D 1 (97/526)	D 2 (96/86)
Cloud point (°C) according to ISO 3015:	-6	-6
CFPP (°C) according to EN 116:	-10	-8
Density at 15°C (kg/m <sup>3</sup> ) according to ASTM D 4052:	841	834
Sulfur content (ppm) according to EN 24260:	160	200
WS1.4 (µm) according to CEC F-06-A-96:	542	
Distillation according to ISO 3405:		
Initial boiling point (°C)	170	171
5% boiling point (°C)	203	193
10% boiling point (°C)	215	200
20% boiling point (°C)	235	212
50% boiling point (°C)	280	249
70% boiling point (°C)	308	282
90% boiling point (°C)	347	329
95% boiling point (°C)	364	345
Final boiling point (°C)	371	360

The following mineral oil middle distillate compositions were tested:

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Mineral oil middle distillate compositions containing

1. as paraffin dispersant

10 one of the novel mixtures PD 1 (consisting of 83% by weight of component (a) from Example 1 and 17% by weight of component (b) from Example 2), PD 2 (consisting of 50% by weight of component (a) from Example 1 and 50% by weight of component (b) from Example 2), PD 3 (consisting of 67% by weight of component (a) from Example 1 and 33% by weight of

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component (b) from Example 2) or PD 4 (consisting of 90% by weight of component (a) from Example 1 and 10% by weight of component (b) from Example 2) and, as comparative examples, the respective individual components from Example 1 and Example 2 or none of the components (Comparative Examples V2, V3, V1). V1 thus contains only MDFI as additive

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2. as flow improver MDFI

a product based on ethylene/vinyl carboxylate which is marketed under the tradename Keroflux® ES 6100 by BASF AG.

Description of the test method:

20 The middle distillates were mixed with the amounts, stated in the table, of the novel mixtures PD 1 to PD 4 or of Examples 1 and 2 and of the flow improver MDFI at 40°C while stirring and then cooled to room temperature.

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For the additive-containing middle distillate samples, the cold filter plugging point (CFPP) according to EN 116 was determined, and in some cases also the WS1.4 according to CEC-F-06-A-96.

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The additive-containing middle distillates were cooled in 500 ml glass cylinders in a refrigerant bath from room temperature to -13°C at a cooling rate of about 14°C per hour and were stored at this temperature for 20 hours. The amount and appearance of the paraffin phase were then determined and assessed visually.

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The cold filter plugging point (CFPP) according to EN 116 and the cloud point (CP) according to ISO 3015

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were determined for the 20% by volume bottom phase separated off at -13°C from each sample. The smaller the deviation of the cloud point of the 20% by volume bottom phase from the original CP of the respective middle distillate, the better are the paraffins dispersed.

The results obtained are shown in Tables 1 and 2:

10 Table 1: Dispersing experiments in D 1, CP: -6°C, CFPP: -10°C, WS1.4: 542 µm

Mix- ture	Dose (ppm)	MDFI (ppm)	WS1.4 (µm)	CFPP (°C)	Paraf- fin sedi- ment (% by vol- ume)	Dis- persed paraf- fins (% by vol- ume)	20% bottom phase	
							CFPP (°C)	CP (°C)
PD 1	150	200		-30	10	90	-29	-6
PD 2	150	200	310	-25	10	90	-27	-6
PD 3	150	200		-26	10	90	-28	-6
PD 4	150	200	328	-28	10	90	-27	-5
V1	---	200	526	-25	44	0	-18	0
V2	150	200	394	-25	46	54	-20	-2
V3	150	200	369	-23	42	58	-23	-3

15 Table 2: Dispersing experiments in D 2, CP: -6°C, CFPP: -8°C

Mix- ture	Dose (ppm)	MDFI (ppm)	CFPP (°C)	Paraffin sediment (% by volume)	Dispersed paraffins (% by volume)	20% bottom phase	
						CFPP (°C)	CP (°C)
PD 1	300	300	-23	6	94	-18	-5
PD 3	300	300	-20	8	92	-27	-5
PD 4	300	300	-29	8	92	-20	-5
V1	---	300	-22	30	0	-1	+3
V2	300	300	-30	10	90	-20	-3
V3	300	300	-20	30	70	-7	+2

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At the same time, the tests results show that, at the same total dose, the novel mixtures lead to a lower WS1.4 and hence to improved lubricity of low-sulfur diesel fuels then the respective individual components.

Claims as enclosed to IPER

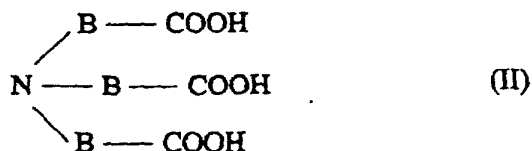
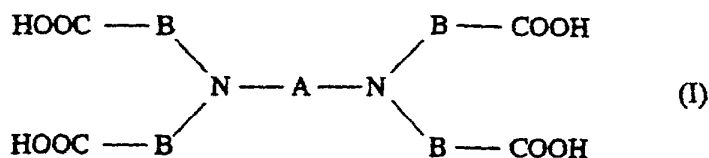
5 We claim:

1. A mixture containing

10 (a) from 5 to 95% by weight of at least one reaction product of a poly(C<sub>2-20</sub>-carboxylic acid) having at least one tertiary amino group with secondary amines and

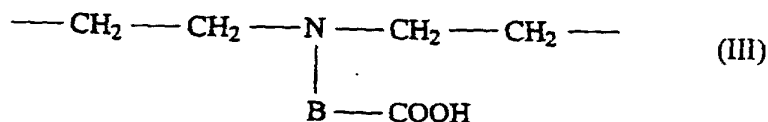
15 (b) 5-95% by weight of at least one reaction product of maleic anhydride and a primary alkylamine.

2. A mixture as claimed in claim 1, wherein the  
20 poly(C<sub>2-20</sub>-carboxylic acid) having at least one tertiary amino group is of the following formula I or II



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where A is a straight-chain or branched C<sub>2-6</sub>-alkylene radical or a radical of the formula III



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where B is a C<sub>1-19</sub>-alkylene radical.

3. A mixture as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein the reaction product (a) is an amide, amidoammonium salt or ammonium salt in which no carboxyl group, one carboxyl group or a plurality of carboxyl groups is or are converted into amido groups.
4. A mixture as claimed in any of claims 1 to 3, wherein the secondary amine of the component (a) is of the formula HNR<sub>2</sub>, where R is straight-chain or branched C<sub>10-30</sub>-alkyl.
5. A mixture as claimed in any of claims 1 to 4, wherein the primary alkylamine of the component (b) is a C<sub>8-30</sub>-alkylamine.
6. The use of a mixture as claimed in any of claims 1 to 5 as an additive for mineral oil middle distillates.
7. The use as claimed in claim 6 as a paraffin dispersant and lubricity additive for mineral oil middle distillates.
8. A mineral oil middle distillate containing a mixture as claimed in any of claims 1 to 5.
9. A mineral oil middle distillate as claimed in claim 8, furthermore containing flow improvers, conductivity improvers, corrosion-inhibiting additives, lubricity additives, antioxidants, metal deactivators, antifoams, demulsifiers, detergents, cetane number improvers, dyes, fragrances or mixtures thereof.
10. A concentrate containing 10-60% by weight, based on the total amount of the concentrate, of a

11. A mineral oil middle distillate as claimed in  
5 claim 8, further containing flow improvers based  
on ethylene/vinyl carboxylate copolymers.

### Abstract

The mixture contains

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(a) from 5 to 95% by weight of at least one reaction product of a poly(C<sub>2-20</sub>-carboxylic acid) having at least one tertiary amino group with secondary amines and

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(b) from 5 to 95% by weight of at least one reaction product of maleic anhydride and a primary alkylamine.

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# Declaration, Power of Attorney

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We (I), the undersigned inventor(s), hereby declare(s) that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

We (I) believe that we are (I am) the original, first, and joint (sole) inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

Paraffin dispersants having a lubricity effect for mineral oil middle distillates

the specification of which

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on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

We (I) hereby state that we (I) have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We (I) acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to be material to the patentability of this application as defined in Section 1.56 of Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations.

We (I) hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed. Prior Foreign Application(s)

Application No.	Country	Day/Month/Year	Priority Claimed
19848621.9	Germany	21 October 1998	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No



We (I) hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Codes, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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We (I) hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s), or § 365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application.

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